REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 15-18 were pending. Claims 15-18 were rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 15 and 17-18 have been amended. In addition, new claims 19-27 have been added. Thus, claims 15-27 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamagishi, US Patent 6,630,949 B1 ("Yamagishi"). In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15-27 as amended include limitations that are not disclosed by Yamagishi. Specifically, independent claim 15 as amended recites as follows:

> 15.   A method for transferring image information between an imaging device and a host system, said method comprising:
> the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;
> in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically <u>launching application software associated with the imaging device for</u> requesting image information transfer from the imaging device; and
> in response to the request, <u>the application software periodically attempting to communicate with the imaging device to cause</u> said image information is transferred from the imaging device to the host system.

(Emphasis added).

Independent claim 15 includes launching an application software associated with an image device upon the detection of the image device coupled to a host system, where the application software periodically attempts to communicate with the image device to transfer the image information from the imaging device to the host system. It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are absent from Yamagishi.

Rather, Yamagishi is related to a docking station for an image pickup apparatus, such that a user can have a larger working area or view to operate the image pickup apparatus (see Figs. 1A and 1B of Yamagishi). Particularly, when the image pickup apparatus is coupled to a processing system (e.g., the docking station), a program is downloaded from the image pickup apparatus to the processing system and executed from the processing system (see col. 6, lines 53 to 67 of Yamagishi). In addition, the setting of the image pickup apparatus is also downloaded (see col. 7, lines 14 to 35 of Yamagishi). Further, a user operating the processing system (e.g., docking station) can operate the image pickup apparatus (via the interface of the docking station) to acquire images (see col. 7, lines 44 to 56 and col. 8, lines 21 to 56 of Yamagishi). Thus, Yamagishi fails to disclose the limitations set forth above, particularly, application software periodically attempts communicating with the imaging device for the purposes of transferring images that have been acquired by the imaging device. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 15 is not anticipated by Yamagishi.

Similarly, independent claims 17-18 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 15. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 17-18 are not anticipated by Yamagishi.

Given that the reset of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the reset of the claims are not anticipated by Yamagishi.
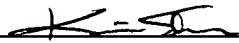
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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